

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the claims as amended in this Preliminary Amendment for examination purposes. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. In this Preliminary Amendment, new claims 15-22 are added and original claims 1-14 remain. Applicants respectfully request examination of pending claims 1-22 in this application.


Applicants note that claims 15 and 19 are based on the descriptions at paragraphs [0046] – [0048], for example, of the specification of the instant application. In addition, Applicants note that the subject matter of claim 16 is the same as that of claim 4, and the subject matter of each of claims 17 and 18 is the same as that of claim 7. Also, Applicants note that the subject matter of claim 20 is the same as that of claim 11, and the subject matter of each of claims 21 and 22 is the same as that of claim 14.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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